

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert (1) the section heading CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.77(b) and (2) an accompanying priority claim, as the first paragraph of the specification.

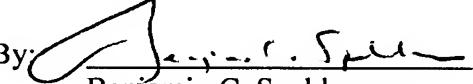
Claims 1-28 and 35-41 are pending in this application. Claims 29-34 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New dependent claims 36-41 have been added and are directed to various preferred aspects of the invention, as recited in originally filed claims 23-28. Claims 2-10 and 12-28 have been amended to eliminate multiple claim dependency and otherwise better conform to U.S. rules of practice.

The amendments and new claims add no new matter.

Prompt and favorable examination of pending claims 1-28 and 35-41 on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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